
HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

URGING THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION TO EXAMINE ALL POSSIBILITIES
TO ENABLE STUDENT ATHLETIC TEAMS TO RUN AND TRAIN OFF
CAMPUS.

1 WHEREAS, the Department of Education enacted guidelines
2 prohibiting athletic teams from conducting practices and
3 activities that are not on Department of Education property
4 without following certain protocols and obtaining proper
5 permits; and

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7 WHEREAS, these practices and activities include running
8 along streets, highways, and roads, impromptu practices and
9 activities at a park or beach, and running or hiking on a
10 mountain trail; and

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12 WHEREAS, more than a quarter of the State's adolescents are
13 at risk for obesity; and

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15 WHEREAS, high school athletics help to reduce obesity by
16 increasing daily physical activity, which promotes effective
17 weight management and the prevention of obesity-related chronic
18 illnesses; and

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20 WHEREAS, the Department of Education's guidelines have
21 negatively impacted all Hawaii public high school athletics,
22 particularly cross country and track teams, where running long
23 distances is the very core of the sport and is extremely crucial
24 for team practice and endurance training; and

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26 WHEREAS, student athletes are less inclined to be motivated
27 to push themselves to run harder when confined to smaller and
28 restricted areas on their respective campuses, thereby taking
29 away their ability to experience the thrill of running to
30 somewhere new that they previously thought was too far away; and



1 WHEREAS, the implementation of the Department of
2 Education's guidelines has given a competitive advantage to
3 private school athletes across the State, who are not restricted
4 in their practice areas; and
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6 WHEREAS, a complete waiver of liability signed by the
7 participating student, both parents, and anyone acting in loco
8 parentis would satisfy the Department of Education's concerns
9 for safety of students; now, therefore,
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11 BE IT RESOLVED by the House of Representatives of the
12 Twenty-eighth Legislature of the State of Hawaii, Regular
13 Session of 2015, the Senate concurring, that the Department of
14 Education is urged to examine all possibilities to enable
15 student athletic teams to run and train off campus; and
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17 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that any participating student that
18 participates in off campus training shall sign a complete waiver
19 of liability that is also signed by both parents and any acting
20 in loco parentis; and
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22 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that certified copies of this
23 Concurrent Resolution be transmitted to the Superintendent of
24 Education, Chairperson of the Board of Education, Attorney
25 General, Mayor of Hawaii County, Mayor of Kauai County, Mayor of
26 Maui County, and Mayor of the City and County of Honolulu.
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